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a friendly audience, perhaps, but no gath- onous ering could evince such unmistakable en-

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of approval upon Viola Allen as a lumi
Following the intermission Kathryn Osnant star in the theatrical firmament when she exhibited her delightful womanliness and admirable art in "The Christian," and again last night the Capital's commendation, although to a somewhat less degree, was granted Miss Allen's Dona Dolores de Mendoza, the heroine of F. Marion Crawford's story. The Hall Caine play was one of the greatest dramatic successes that the native story has seen in recent years and native stage has seen in recent years, and while it did not receive the same generous share of applause that greeted "In the Palace of the King" last night, it is impossible to prophesy the same measure of success for the new piece. "The Christian" was known to thousands of readers of fiction known to thousands of readers of fiction before it was utilized for stage purposes, whereas "In the Palace of the King" is in an unfinished magazine form, and instead of the story achieving some degree of success for the play, the dramatic version will gain readers for the story, it may be that "In the Palace of the King" does not contain a scene of the same strength as that ally good or had in the greaters and ally good or had in the greaters. The Christian" where Glory Quale prevents John Storm from killing her; but whatever success the Stoddard dramatization may attain will be found to ite in its intense interest, its rapid action, its thrilling story so cleverly unfolded during the six scenes. There have been few plays of recent origin that surpass it in its many deft intricacies of mechanism, in its numerous fit adornments, in its nicety of craft, and in the correlation of all its parts.

There is nothing either remarkably good or bad in the monologue and imitations of Grant and Norton.

The most unique feature on the excellent bill is the appearance for the first time in this city of San Locahart's elephants, which he terms "The Three Graces." This act is remarkable. The suggesty of the immense brutes and the dexterity of their movements excite general surprise. Certainly such mastodonic success has never been seen in an American circus. The case-craft, and in the correlation of all its parts.

last week, but last night's performance was announced by the management as the formal opening.

Of Miss Allen and her interpretation of the role of Dona Dolores de Mendoza, only words of praise are due, and the unjor portion of the applause was a distinct tribute to her splendid genius, the beautiful coloring she has given to her rork, and the charm of her personality. In her lighter scenes she is refreshingly delightbute to her splendid genius, the beautiful coloring she has given to her work, and the charm of her personality. In her lighter scenes she is refreshingly delightful, while in the more intense ones she is very effective and convincing. Robert Haines' Don John is rather disappointing, although in his love passages with Miss Allen he is better than when called upon to depict the more virile emotions. Two of the undeniable hits of the performance are scored by Edgar Davenport, as the Cardinal Luis de Torres, and William Norris as the court foel, known as Adonis, Mr. Davenport is impressive in his work and his reading is a revelaction. Mr. Norris, excellent actor that he is, has never made a greater success nor done better acting than as the Jester Miguel de Antona. Charles Kent is an acceptable Philip, and Clarence Handyside is a manify captain of the King's Guard. Of Gertrude Norman as the blind sister Dona inex, it must be admitted that she comes dangerously pear to sharing the honors with Mass Allen is their soling some. inez, it must be admitted that she comes dangerously near to sharing the bonors with Miss Allen in their joint scenes. Marcia Van Dresser, erstwhile a comic opera vocalist, shows that she possesses dramatic talent of unlooked for excellence. The other roles were adequately interpreted.

Creston Clarke, in a performance of "Hamlet," inaugurated the theatrical season at the Columbia last night. The occasion was an auspicious one for both the star and the playhouse. Mr. Clarke, who in this heydey of the farcical, the evanescent, and the effervescent has dared to assist in a worthy revival of the legitimate met with a reception that, for a Washington audience, was unusually cordial; and the Columbia entertained at its opening production a large and intelligent audience, auguring a gratifying and profitable neason

Creston Clarke's Hamlet is in several apects unique and in other respects car-es the veteran theatregoer back to the mys when Booth, McCullough, Barrett, and others whose names are conspicuous in the histrionic roster interpreted Shakeeare to multitudes that embraced all asses. Mr. Clarke has followed the preepts and traditions of his celebrated pre-ecessors to a degree that shows his true framatic temperament, but he gives to his ole of Hamlet frequent touches of orig-nality in articulation, gesture, and exression that reveal deep study of the preatest of dramatists and the appreciaon of the finer shades of meaning found in the lines of the master poet. Mr. Barke's Hamlet is well developed; it gains in strength and beauty as it matures, and his portrayal of the eccentric Dane in the last three acts is calculated to arouse considerable enthusiasm even in the staid and surfeited critic. His rendition of the scene with the players, the interview with the Queen, his mother, and the duel with Lacries and tragic denotement are espe-cially strong, both in reading and in ac-

Miss Adelaide Prince, who plays Ophelia eccived commendatory applause last light for her delineation of a difficult haracter and arcused anticipation regardng her interpretation of the other Shake-pearean roles in which she is to be seen ring the week.

The cast in the Clarke production of the Avon bard's splendid tragedy was gen-erally capable. John Carter, as Polonius, save an exposition of King Claudius' ad-viser which could scarcely be improved appn, and the audience was quick to rec-sumize his intelligent particular. ognize his intelligent portrayal of the character. Arthur Balfour made a sightly and an imposing King Claudius, and P. S. Barrett a pleasing and carnest Horatio. Miss Adele Luchrmann presented Queen

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This evening Mr. Clarke will give "Ro-meo and Juliet," to be repeated at the Saturday matinee.

theatre was very demonstrative in its evidences of approval of the work of Dramatist Lorimer Stoddard, of the splendid acting of Miss Allen and her associates, and "At a Husking Bee" is the title of Lot's of the sumptuous stage pictures that were presented. It was what might be termed a friendly audience perhaps but no gath-

One of the best monkey and dog aggrethusiasm over a stage performance were it not of considerable worth.

Two years are Washington set its stamp

Following the intermission Kathryn Osterman is seen in a new sketch, called "The Editor." Thomas Tuther assists Miss Osterman, and to the latter's credit it may be said that full scope is given the young man in the sketch. The scene is laid in a newspaper office, and a very pretty story runs through the dialogue, which is bright and entertaining. It is not a one-womman effort, as are many one-act pieces, and while the burden of the work follow. while the burden of the work falls on Mias Osterman, there is much praise due Mr. Tuther for his admirable work. The sketch is one of the best seen during Washing-ton's three years' experience with polito

The best evidence of merit in a vocalist

movements excite general surprise Certainly such mastodonic success has never been seen in an American circus. The cakewalk, the bowling, and the walking upon the bottles and riding of the velocipeds proved the fening acts with the audience. craft, and in the correlation of all its parts. It is a remarkable exhibition of modern stage production and the spectator cannot Matinces daily,

but marvel at the many tricks of speech wherewith naturalism is counterfeited; the fleeting but significant episodes that crowd on each other's heels in scenic cilusual in vaudeville. Two of the best houses of the season were in ovidence yesterday afternoon and evening and no-one turn on the long bill escaped a recall-Probably the most enjoyable act on the programme is rendered by James F. Dolan and Ida Lenharr, in the shape of the farce, "A High-Toned Burgiar." While

carry an enjoyable two into the region wherein recalls are demanded. Genaro and Balley, said to be the originators of the cake walk, are all that could be expected, and gain many encores for their hard work. The male portion of the team has an imitation of "Kid" McCoy that is both timely and laughable. Bonnie Thorn ton, an old favorite, was rather hourse last night, but managed to make a good impression. Her new monologue went so well that she might profitably cut out the imitations and make her talk the feature. Edna Leigh and Sylva Thorne present their new feature, "La Surprise," which is booked to make a hit if they will on out the singing portion of the bit. Mad-dox and Wayne have a good comedy turn with laughable horseplay and imitations Carrie Behr, of "Sister Mary Jane's To Note" frame, has gone into monologue and makes a hit which is cleverly topped of with the old familiar song. Lozelle, a gymnast, with some new turns; Farno and Nelson, a clever acrobatic team, and Montague and West, who have an entertaining musical sketch, wind up the bill.

#### Matinees daily.

The clatter of the bangtails, the crack of the whip, and the merry abandon of the orf are featured at the New Bilou this week in Howard & Emerson's "A New York Girl," and that the entertainers do really entertain was made evident by the ttempts of the two overflow houses yeserday afternoon and evening, to extend the performance by an hour through re the performance by an hour through re-calls. From the olio of well-known acts with which the bill is opened, to the bur-lesque on a day at the famed Sheepshead Bay course which closes the programme, there is not a moment wherein all is not snap and vim. New music and a finely balanced chorus of shapely girls add to the attractiveness of the contaminment. attractiveness of the entertainment, state with the score of new features introduced the organization should draw crowded houses daily. The bill opens in a savel way with an olio, which includes the great Livingstone family, the sensational sero-Livingstone family, the sensational acro-batic teem; Kelley and Davis, convers-ationalists; Williams and Adams, the "Monte Carlo Millionaires;" Fisher and Clark, who are a funny acrobatic outfit; Kitty Nelson, who sings well, Lilly Tudor, whose dancing will bring you back, and last, but most artistic, Howard and Emer on, whose descriptive songs are illustrate by moving pictures. "A New York Girl," who concludes the programme, is one of tha most sprightly of all the ladies from Maneattan, Matinees daily.

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